

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/733,493  
Applicant(s): Tomoyuki TERADA et al.  
For: CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD  
Confirmation No.: 7682  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/05620  
Filed: December 10, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2621  
Examiner: Nhon Thanh Diep

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2007, which provides for a response period ending November 8, 2007.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for one additional month to December 8, 2007, is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.